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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 17, 2016 6:15 PM @ 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Boscarino, Kevin Hayes, Cynthia Costanzo, Jennifer Mullin, Shay Drake, Robert Larew, Christopher Weitz (arrived at 6:30 pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: Julia Connor, Administrative Secretary, Parks and Rec
Robert Tedford, Director, Parks and Rec

- I. CALLED TO ORDER: Tom Boscarino called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 14, 2016 – Regular Meeting

MOVED (MULLIN), SECONDED (HAYES), ABSTAINED (LAREW) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.
- III. REVIEW/DISCUSS CURRENT COMMISSION POLICY RE: TRAVEL BASKETBALL ROSTER ELIGIBILITY

Cynthia believes that the decision that is made on both requests should hinge on increasing opportunities for the most children within the program, both currently and in the future. Allowing this player, who will be repeating an academic year and who has already played in the travel program, to play with the 7th grade team (if his evaluation is deserving) is a very unique situation; Cynthia believes that a player granted this opportunity should not be allowed to “fall back” in a future year, however, and play an additional season with the grade they already played with, as this would take a roster spot from another player who was moving up a grade in the future. If an exception is granted, as opposed to making a change to the current Commission policy, it was agreed that once a decision is made for which team the child is going to evaluate for, in this situation 6th grade vs. 7th grade that is the only team that they will be eligible to evaluate for.

- A. Request from Family A (re: 6th grade player)

MOVED (CONSTANZO) AND SECONDED (DRAKE) TO VOTE ON MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THIS PARTICULAR 6TH GRADE PLAYER TO EVALUATE FOR THE 7TH GRADE TRAVEL TEAM

Aye: C. Weitz, S. Drake, C. Costanzo, K. Hayes
Opposed: R. Larew, T. Boscarino
Abstained: J. Mullin

An exception was granted to allow the particular 6th grade player to participate in the 7th grade team evaluations, with the following limitation: the player will be eligible for a 7th grade team during the 2016-17 season, and will be eligible for an 8th grade team during the 2017-18 season only. The player will not be eligible for a travel basketball team during the 2018-19 season.

B. Request from Family B (re: 4th grade player)

MOVED (CONSTANZO) AND SECONDED (HAYES) TO VOTE ON
MAINTAINING THE COMMISSION POLICY AND NOT ALLOW THE 4TH GRADE
PLAYER TO EVALUATE FOR THE 5TH/6TH GRADE TRAVEL TEAM

In favor: C. Weitz, S. Drake, C. Costanzo, K. Hayes, R. Larew, T. Boscarino
Abstained: J. Mullin

The Commission policy will remain unchanged and the 4th grade player is not eligible to attend evaluations for the 5th/6th grade travel basketball team(s).

II. REQUEST FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR RE: DONATION TO THE JACOB POULIN FUND

Director Bob Tedford requested a \$100 cash donation to be made to the Jacob Poulin Fund

MOVED (BOSCARINO), SECONDED (DRAKE) AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO
MAKE THE DONATION TO THE FUND, AS WELL AS DONATE MISCELLANEOUS
EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS (SUBJECT TO LEGAL OPINION FROM TOWN ATTORNEY).

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (COSTANZO), SECONDED (WEITZ) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:50 PM.

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Submitted by: Julia Connor, Administrative Secretary, Parks and Rec